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SUBJECT: PREPARATION FOR F-14 PROGRAM

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1. AFTER DETAILED REVIEW WITH THE US NAVY OF GOI CONSTRUCTION, PARTICULARLY AT ISFAHAN, WE CONCUR THAT F-14 RELATED CONSTRUCTION IS NOT PROCEEDING IN A TIMELY MANNER TO ACCOMODATE GOI F-14 REQUIREMENTS. THIS IS AN IRANIAN PROBLEM WHICH HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE IRANIANS WHO AVOW THE FACILITIES WILL BE READY. THE US GOVERNMENT MUST EXERCISE CAUTION AND NOT INTERVENE IN GOI CONSTRUCTION SINCE THIS IS AN IRANIAN RESPONSIBILITY.

2. THE SAME RATIONALE IS TRUE FOR GOI CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES REQUIRED IN SUPPORT OF US CONTRACTORS PROVIDING ENGINEERING AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE GOI F-14 PROGRAM. THERE IS NO WAY USG CAN ASSURE US CONTRACTORS THAT HOUSING AND OTHER REQUIRED FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN IRAN IN A TIMELY MANNER. LETTER OF OFFER FOR  
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THESE CONTRACTOR SERVICES, HOWEVER, WILL CONTAIN A PROVISIO

THAT ADEQUATE FACILITIES FOR CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL ARE A PREREQUISITE TO THE PROVISION OF SERVICES.

3. CONTRACTOR ENGINEERING TECHNICAL SERVICES/CONTRACTOR MAINTENANCE SERVICES WILL BE HANDLED UNDER FMS PROCEDURES AND THE US NAVY WILL CONTRACT WITH GRUMMAN AND ASSOCIATED CONTRACTORS TO PROVIDE THAT SUPPORT. THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTRACT SUPERVISION WILL LIE WITH THE US NAVY. BOOZ ALLEN IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE US NAVY TO PROVIDE THE F-14 PROJECT MANAGER WITH PERSONNEL AND EXPERTISE ESSENTIAL TO PERFORM THE TASK. ALL US PERSONNEL IN IRAN (NOT ASSIGNED TO ARMISH-MAAG) FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING THE F-14 PROGRAM WILL BE UNDER THE TECHNICAL CONTROL OF THE DOD COMMAND (US NAVY F-14 PROJECT OFFICE) RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTRACT PERFORMANCES IN COORDINATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE SERVICE SECTION. THIS ALSO INCLUDES BOOZ ALLEN PERSONNEL.

4. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF GRUMMAN, HUGHES AND OTHER CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL COULD REACH A CEILING OF ABOUT 3,000 DURING THE FIRST FEW YEARS OF THE PROGRAM. THIS NUMBER INCLUDES ALL PERSONNEL REQUIRED FOR ORGANIZATIONAL, INTERMEDIATE AND DEPOT LEVEL MAINTENANCE PLUS SOME SUPPLY PERSONNEL FOR ASSIGNMENT TO THE PROGRAM. THE IIAF SPECIFIED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PROGRAM THAT ONLY THE IIAF MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTOR PERSONNEL WOULD BE EXPERIENCED. ALL OTHER IIAF MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL WOULD BE NEW RECRUITS. FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF OPERATIONS AT ISFAHAN, THE NUMBER OF CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL SHOULD RANGE BETWEEN 400 AND 600 DEPENDING ON THE TRAINING LEVEL OF IIAF PERSONNEL ASSIGNED.

5. NO FIRM DATE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR DEFINITIZATION OF THE CONTRACTOR SERVICES WHICH WILL BE OFFERED UNDER FMS. NAVY IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO EXPEDITE THE SUBMISSION OF THE OFFER. INGERSOLL

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